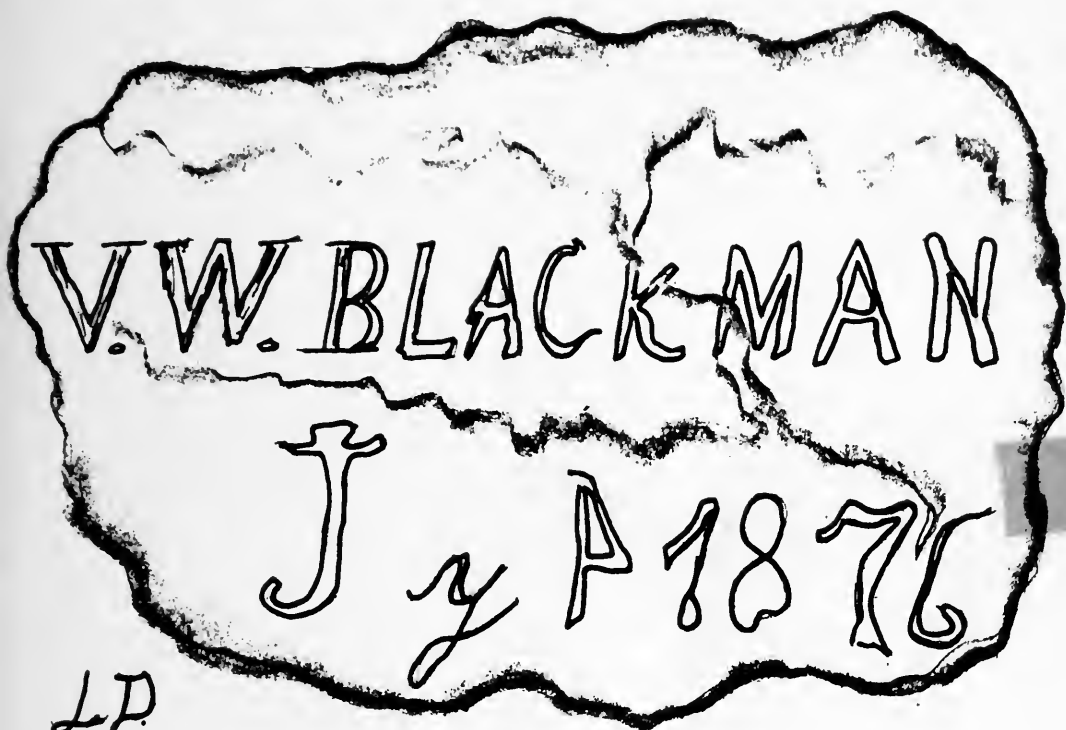


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**REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS**



**G R A F T O N
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 1976**

CLINTON STORY WILLIAMS

1908 - 1976

Grafton lost one of its outstanding citizens and an important link with the Town's history when Clinton S. Williams died on December 29, 1976.

Clinton S. Williams was a descendant of Samuel Williams, a Revolutionary War pensioner, who came to Grafton from Raynham, Massachusetts, in 1787, and settled on what was to become Williams Hill. Clint was born on June 16, 1908, the third son of Alberto Horace and Anna Gregg (Story) Williams. On November 24, 1928, he married Elsie Fowler, also of Grafton, and lived the rest of his life on Williams Hill next door to the house where he was born.

Clint was educated in the Grafton Center School and attended Proctor Academy. Over a period of time he served the Town of Grafton for almost nineteen years as a selectman, resigning from his most recent term in October, 1976, because of ill health. He held other offices such as constable, supervisor of the check list, and budget committee member. During the years 1935 and 1936, he was Grafton's Representative to the General Court.

Clint was a lumberman by trade. He was one of the last authorities on the history of land owners and property boundaries. He will long be remembered for his honesty and fairness to all.

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of the
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of the
TOWN OF GRAFTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

1976

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ABOUT THE COVER

V. W. BLACKMAN
Jy A, 1876

This cutting was found in a ledge that was uncovered by the Road Agent, John Bassett, in the process of widening the road from Slab City over Dean Hill. It is quite a coincidence that it should be found exactly 100 years after it was cut, in our Bicentennial year. Evidently, Virgil Blackman cut this as a memorial of his witnessing the centennial year of our country. It seems a shame that this ledge will have to be blown to widen the road this coming year and the carving will be lost.

From information we have been able to gather, there were several Blackmans in Grafton the last half of the nineteenth century. Frank Dean has an autograph book signed by Virgil W. Blackman in 1919 which states his birth date as 1857, thereby making him nineteen years old when the stone was cut.

Any ideas anyone? After the snow leaves, persons interested in viewing this ledge may do so by driving out the Slab City Road to the Dean Hill or Old Danbury Road. A new culvert was installed last summer out this road a short way. The ledge rises out of the ground on the left hand side of the road about 200' before this culvert, in the widened roadway.

TOWN OFFICERS

<i>Moderator</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
Thomas D. Gleason '78	June L. Bassett '77
<i>Town Clerk</i>	<i>Tax Collector</i>
Dorothy H. Davis '77	Dorothy A. Dadmun '77

SELECTMEN

Clint Williams - Deceased '76
Alden H. Dadmun '77 Robert J. Bryant '78

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Marion G. Nagle '79 Mary L. Gove '78 Joseph Connelly '80

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Dale P. Bryant '79 Adolph F. Suchy '77 Emily B. Connelly '78

BUDGET COMMITTEE

William Hewitt '79 John T. Wilson '77 William B. Pratt '78

AUDITORS

Sherry Cook '78 William A. Kennedy '77

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Lawrence Gove '77

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Richard F. Williams Harold E. Duefield Paul C. Gove
Roger Warcup

FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Gleason Richard Williams Stanley Phillips

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Paul C. Gove

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mary L. Gove '77 Marion G. Nagle '78 Barbette Rollins '79

PLANNING BOARD

John Basset, *Chairman* '79 Margot Moran, *Sec.* '78
Wayne H. Knight '80 Christopher Rollins '81
Robert J. Bryant, *Selectman Ex-officio*

**WARRANT FOR THE TOWN OF GRAFTON
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Polls will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Grafton on Tuesday, the eighth day of March next, at 1:00 of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. The business meeting to act on the remaining articles in the 1977 town warrant will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Grafton Town Hall.
3. To see if the town will vote to hear a report of the Budget Committee and to act thereon.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow in anticipation of tax revenues.
6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to convey by quitclaim deed all property acquired by tax deed or to take any other action pertaining thereto.
7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand, one hundred fifty nine and 72/100 dollars (\$1159.72) and thereby receive seven thousand, seven hundred thirty-one and 44/100 dollars (\$7731.44) from the State for town road aid.
8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of seven thousand, nine hundred seventy-three and 53/100 dollars (\$7973.53) plus interest of Revenue Sharing money now held in a special account for Tax Mapping.
9. To see if the town will vote to allow monies accumulated through rental of town highway equipment and monies presently in the Capital Reserve Fund, to be used for the purchase of highway equipment by the Road Agent with the consent of the Selectmen.

10. To see if the town will vote to make the position of Tax Collector a three year assignment beginning in 1978, instead of one year as it is at present.

11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300), or portion thereof, to be given to the Upper Valley Senior Citizens Council to partially defray program costs. (This is the quota assigned to Grafton by the Council for the Meals-on-Wheels Program).

12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate and authorize withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against budget appropriations, or other purposes, in the amounts indicated; and, further to authorize the Selectmen to make pro rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements (approximately \$8000 in 1977) are reduced, or take any other action thereon:

Town Hall Maintenance	\$ 650.00
Landfill Fund for Land Acquisition	2,500.00
Town Hall Fund for Town Office Addition	4,000.00
Purchase Fireproof File Cabinet(s)	500.00
for Town Files and Records.	
Purchase Typewriter and Calculator	350.00
for Town Office.	
TOTAL	\$8,000.00

Given under our hands and seal, this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

ROBERT J. BRYANT
ALDEN H. DADMUN
Selectmen of Grafton

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

ROBERT J. BRYANT
ALDEN H. DADMUN
Selectmen of Grafton

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GRAFTON

Purpose of Appropriation	Approp. Prev. Fisc. Yr.	Actual Expend. Prev. Fisc. Yr.	Approp. Ensuing Fisc. Yr. 1977-78
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,506.62	\$ 3,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,200.00	2,602.10	2,800.00
Election & Regist. Expenses	600.00	931.87	450.00
Town Hall & Other town bldgs.	1,100.00	1,640.51	1,700.00
Employees' Ret. & Soc. Sec.	2,500.00	2,874.68	2,800.00
Selectmen's Clerk	300.00	300.00	300.00
Protection of persons & property:			
Police Department	1,350.00	1,332.45	1,350.00
Fire Department	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Forest Fire	300.00	83.64	300.00
Care of Trees & Cutting Brush	1,000.00	1,751.19	1,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00	4,540.20	5,000.00
Planning	200.00	153.48	200.00
Damages & Legal Expense	300.00	35.00	150.00
Civil Defense	100.00		
Health Dept. - Hosp. & Ambulance:			
Vital Statistics	20.00	14.00	20.00
Health Officer	20.00	20.00	20.00
Town Dump	500.00	500.00	500.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance —			
Summer & Winter	13,000.00	13,364.27	15,000.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00	1,200.08	1,300.00
Gen. Exp. of Hgwy. Dept.	9,000.00	7,473.68	9,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,155.07	1,155.07	1,159.72
Libraries:	750.00	750.00	750.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	3,000.00	1,481.82	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00	912.93	1,500.00
Aid to Perm. & Totally Disabled	1,000.00	372.81	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes - Mem. Day, etc.	150.00	150.00	100.00
Recreation	300.00	350.00	300.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries, Town Hall & Beach	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Advert. & Regional Assoc.	600.00	740.00	600.00
Debt Service:			
Int. on Temp. Loans	4,000.00	2,518.62	3,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Emerg. Highway Fund	1,000.00		
Duncan Fund	17,471.32	10,773.28	17,748.27

Oiling & Patching Roads	2,000.00	1,350.71	2,000.00
Culverts	2,500.00	1,462.72	2,500.00
Highway Subsidy	13,478.74	17,225.80	13,493.84
Mascoma Area Health Council	854.00	854.00	854.00
Trustees Expenses	300.00	300.00	
Tax Map Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Rev. Sharing Fund - Tax Map Fund	2,000.36	2,000.36	7,973.53
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Dump Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Property Tax Abatements	13,000.00	10,779.42	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	119,049.49	108,101.31	106,369.36

Sources of Revenue	Est. Revenue Prev. Fisc. Yr.	Actual Revenue Prev. Fisc. Yr.	Est. Rev. Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1977-78
From State:			
Int. & Div. Tax	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,410.91	\$ 1,400.00
Duncan Fund	17,471.32	17,471.32	17,748.27
Savings Bank Tax	700.00	846.32	800.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,500.00	3,296.57	3,000.00
Highway Subsidy	13,478.74	13,478.74	13,493.84
Reim. A/C Bus. Profits Tax	187.00	574.00	196.00
Gas Tax Refund	300.00	96.39	600.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	225.00	213.60	225.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filings	75.00	90.00	75.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,500.00	9,484.06	5,500.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	50.00	1,432.48	50.00
Income from Trust Funds (For Cemetery Care)	700.00	840.20	500.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds		6,000.00	
From Trust Fund (Health Council)		854.00	854.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	15.00	15.00
Resident Taxes Retained	2,200.00	2,420.00	2,900.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	1,675.01	2,000.00
Sale of Town Property	125.00	91.96	
From Revenue Sharing Fund (For Tax Map)	2,000.36	2,000.36	7,973.53
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	7,212.00	7,973.53	8,000.00
Total Revenues from all sources Except Property Taxes	58,739.42	70,264.45	65,330.64
*Amount to be raised by property taxes			41,038.72

TOTAL REVENUES

106,369.36

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year gives "Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes".

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY**LAND:**

Resident	\$ 346,235.00
Non-Resident	<u>776,995.00</u>

\$ 1,123,230.00

BUILDINGS:

Resident	1,690,050.00
Non-Resident	<u>1,362,850.00</u>

3,052,900.00

MOBILE HOMES:

Resident	67,200.00
Non-Resident	<u>46,090.00</u>

113,290.00

FACTORIES (Res.) 2,000.00

2,000.00

PUBLIC UTILITIES (Non-Res.) 74,000.00

74,000.00

TOTAL VALUE before exemptions

4,365,420.00

LESS EXEMPTIONS:

Blind (2)	2,000.00
Elderly (24)	60,000.00
Veterans (61)	65,450.00
Disabled - 1 at full	15,515.00
Disabled - 2 at 600	<u>16,500.00</u>

159,465.00**NET VALUATION**

\$ 4,205,955.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES

Assessed for the year 1976

Town Officers Salaries	\$ 2,800.00
Town Officers Expenses	2,200.00
Election and Registration Expenses	600.00
Selectmen's Clerk	300.00
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,100.00
Employees Retirement and Social Security	2,500.00
Emergency Highway Fund	1,000.00
Police Department	1,350.00
Fire Department - Incl. Forest Fires	1,500.00
Care of Trees - Cutting Brush	1,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Planning and Zoning	200.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	300.00
Health Dept. - Mascoma Area Health Council	854.00
Vital Statistics	20.00
Health Officer	20.00
Town Dump	500.00
Town Maintenance - Summer and Winter	13,000.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	9,000.00
Town Road Aid	1,155.07
Libraries	750.00
Town Poor	3,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, etc.)	150.00
Recreation (Parks, Playgrounds, etc.)	300.00
Oiling, Patching	2,000.00
Cemeteries, Town Hall, Huff Beach	1,200.00
Culverts	2,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	600.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	4,000.00
Duncan Fund	17,471.35
Highway Subsidy	13,478.74
Trustees Expenses	300.00
Payment to Capital Reserve	1,000.00
Dump Fund	1,000.00

Property Tax Abatements 1975 (Special Article)	13,000.00
Tax Map Fund	8,000.00
Revenue Sharing Fund (for Tax Map)	1,919
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$117,868.13

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 1,410.91
Duncan Fund	17,471.32
Savings Bank Tax	846.32
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,063.00
Gas Tax Refund	300.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	2,169.62
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	50.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	75.00
Dog Licenses	225.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fee	5,500.00
Income From Trust Funds	700.00
National Bank Stocks	15.00
Resident Taxes	2,200.00
Highway Subsidy	13,478.74
Revenue Sharing for Tax Map	1,919.00
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	125.00
Total Revenues and Credits	49,548.91
Net Town Appropriations	68,319.22
Net School Appropriations	105,682.25
County Tax Assessment	15,181.54
 Total of Town, School, and County	 189,183.01
Deduct: Total Business Profits Tax Reim.(-)	574.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits (+)	3,750.00
Add: Overlay (+)	8,133.76
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$200,492.77

**Department of Revenue Administration
Tax Rate for Town of Grafton**

Unit of Government	Rate
Municipal	1.86
County	.35
School	2.45
Combined Rate	4.66

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1976

Title of Appropriation	Receipts & Refunds	Amount Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Over- Draft
Town Officers' Salaries		\$2,800.00	\$2,506.62	\$ 293.38	\$ 412.69
Town Officers Expenses		2,200.00	2,612.69		335.87
Election & Registration		600.00	935.87		540.51
Town Hall & Other Buildings		1,100.00	1,640.51		11.45
Police		1,350.00	1,361.45		
Fire Dept. (Incl. Forest Fire)		1,500.00	1,283.64	216.36	
Cutting Brush		1,000.00	1,577.80		577.80
Insurance		5,000.00	4,540.20	459.80	
Health Dept. (Health Officer & Mascoma Health Council)		874.00	874.00		
Vital Statistics		20.00	14.00	6.00	
Town Dump		500.00	500.00		
Summer / Winter Roads		13,000.00	13,587.52		587.52
Town Road Aid		1,155.07	1,155.07		
Duncan Fund	6,912.66	24,483.78	10,773.28	13,710.50	
Street Lighting		1,300.00	1,200.08	99.92	
General Expence Highway Dept.		9,000.00	7,473.68	1,526.32	
Old Age Assistance		1,500.00	912.93	587.07	
Town Poor		3,000.00	1,481.82	1,518.18	
A.P.T.D.		1,000.00	372.81	627.19	
Memorial Day, Etc.		150.00	150.00		
Recreation		300.00	300.00		
Cemeteries, Town Hall,					

Huff Beach	840.20	2,040.20	2,040.20	
Damage & Legal Expense		300.00	115.00	185.00
Advertising & Tegmental Assoc.		600.00	740.00	
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds		13,000.00	10,779.42	2,220.58
Retirement & Soc. Security		2,500.00	2,874.68	374.68
Interest		4,000.00	2,518.62	1,481.38
Tax Anticipation Loans		102,352.01	102,352.01	
Capital Reserve	6,000.00			
New Equipment Fund	9,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Capital Reserve		9,474.89	6,000.00	3,474.89
Payment to State & County		15,487.73	15,487.73	
School District - 1975-76		105,682.25	99,969.34	
Revenue Sharing	7,973.53	9,973.89	2,000.36	7,973.53
Tax Map & Dump Fund		2,000.36	2,000.36	
Planning Board		200.00	153.48	46.52
Library		750.00	750.00	
Trustees Expenses		300.00	300.00	
Oiling & Patching		2,000.00	1,350.71	649.29
Culverts		2,500.00	1,462.72	1,037.28
Highway Equipment Fund		9,666.00	9,000.00	666.00
Highway Subsidy	1,817.81	15,296.55	15,430.90	134.35
TOTALS	\$32,544.20	\$384,956.73	\$345,579.42	+\$36,839.19
				-\$2,974.87

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE
TOWN OF GRAFTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
in Grafton County**

**for the
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 9, 1977

ROBERT J. BRYANT
ALDEN H. DADMUN
Selectmen

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Cash in hands of Treasurer - Dec. 31, 1976		
General Fund	\$61,596.97	
Revenue Sharing Fund	7,973.53	
Tax Map Fund	6,619.61	
Dump Fund	1,000.00	
Cemetery Fund	1,032.33	
Yield Tax Bonds	1,032.97	
Highway Equipment Fund	666.00	
		\$79,921.41
Capital Reserve Funds: (R.S.A., Chap.35)		
Purchase of Highway Equipment	3,474.89	
TOTAL		3,474.89
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1976 - No tax sale on '76 taxes yet		
Levy of 1975	2,102.65	
Levy of 1974	835.67	
TOTAL		2,938.32
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1976 - Incl. Resident Taxes	32,591.58	
Levy of 1975	74.50	
Levy of 1974	135.09	
TOTAL		32,801.17
Total Assets:		119,135.79
GRAND TOTAL		119,135.79

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	7,973.53
Due to State:	

2% - Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	324.68	
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't.)	1,032.97	
School District Tax Payable	59,268.96	
Other Liabilities		
Funds - Tax Map, Dump, Cemetery,		
Yield, Hgwy, Equip.	10,350.91	
		78,951.05

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes - Inc. Bad Check \$111.84	\$165,531.93	
Resident Taxes	2,480.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	17.00	
Yield Taxes	1,805.01	
Total Current Year's Taxes - Coll. & Remit.		169,833.94
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes - Prev. Yrs.		23,435.01
Resident Taxes - Prev. Yrs.		460.00
Interest received on delinquent taxes		18.12
Penalties		46.00
Tax sales redeemed		2,833.73

From State:

For Highways and Bridges:		
Fed. Flood Disaster		26,677.18
For Class V Highway Maintenance		
Duncan Fund		17,471.32
Highway Subsidy		13,478.74
Interest and dividends tax		1,410.91
Savings Bank Tax		846.32
Fighting forest fires		26.82
Reimbursement a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll		347.94
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance		9.29
Meals and Rooms Tax		3,296.57
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax		440.04

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses		213.60
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		90.00
Interest received on deposits		1,732.42
Income from trust funds		1,930.54
Motor vehicle permits 1975-1977		9,484.06

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	2,506.62
Town officers' expenses	2,612.69
Election and registration expenses	935.87

Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,640.51	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	1,361.45	
Fire Dept. - Incl. forest fires	1,283.64	
Moth extermination - Blister Rust and Care of trees and Brush	1,577.80	
Planning and Zoning	153.48	
Insurance	4,540.20	
Health:		
Health department, including hospitals, ambulance, MAHC	874.00	
Vital statistics	14.00	
Town dumps and garbage removal	500.00	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	1,155.07	
Town Maintenance		
Summer - \$5,637.56		
Winter - \$7,949.96	13,587.52	
Street Lighting	1,200.08	
General expenses of Highway Dept.	7,473.68	
Libraries:	750.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	912.93	
Town poor	1,481.82	
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	372.81	
Patriotic Purposes:	150.00	
Recreation:	350.00	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, hearse hire, town hall	2,040.20	
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	115.65	
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00	
Proceeds of Bond Issues (Cert. of Dep.)	45,000.00	
Refunds	121.96	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	6,000.00	
Sale of town property	91.96	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,124.00	
All Other Receipts		
Tax Map	4,380.75	
Hgwy. Equip. Fund	9,000.00	
Re-deposit Bad Checks	80.65	
Planning Board	26.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Other than Current Revenue		140,825.82
Current Revenue		274,082.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS		
From all sources		414,908.37

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1976 - July 1, 1976		50,066.34	
GRAND TOTAL		464,974.71	
Unclassified:			
Advertising and Regional Associations	744.00		
Taxes bought by town	4,132.04		
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	10,779.42		
Employees' Retirement, Soc. Sec. & W/H	5,964.43		
Pymt. to trustees of trust funds - expenses	300.00		
All other current Maintenance Expenses			
Highway Equip. Fund	9,044.04		
Yield Tax	1,101.61		
Culverts	1,462.72		
Cert. of Dept.	45,000.00		
From Tax Anticipation loans			
Oiling and Patching	1,350.00	57,959.08	
TOTAL Current Maint. Expenses			79,874.97
Debt Service:			
Paid on tax anticipation notes			
and other interest	2,518.62		
TOTAL Interest Payments			2,518.62
Principal of Debt:			
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	102,352.01		
TOTAL Principal Payments			102,352.01
Capital Outlay:			
Highways and Bridges			
State Aid const. - Hgwy. Subsidy	15,430.90		
Town const. - Duncan Fund	10,773.28		
New Equipment - Highway	15,000.00		
Payments to capital reserve funds	1,000.00		
Tax Maps & Dump Funds	13,380.75		
TOTAL Outlay Payments			55,584.93
Payment to other Governmental Divisions:			
Pymts. to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt			
Retirement Taxes	297.46		
Taxes paid to County	15,190.97		
Payments to School Districts			
1975 Tax - \$52,915.34			
1976 Tax - \$47,054.00	99,969.34		
TOTAL Payments to other govt. Div.			115,457.27
TOTAL Payments for all purposes			403,377.74
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1976 - June 30, 1977			61,596.97
GRAND TOTAL			464,974.71

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1976

Description:	Value:
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 20,000
Furniture and Equipment	1,000
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	15,000
Furniture and Equipment	900
Police Department, Lands and Buildings	2,200
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	6,000
Equipment - Incl. Ambulance	27,000
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	16,500
Equipment	67,000
Materials and Supplies	12,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	1,500
All other Property and Equipment:	
Pine Grove Cemetery	2,500
TOTAL	<u>\$171,600</u>

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

DOGS:

76 Male	\$162.00	
11 Female	57.00	
1 Kennel	12.00	
		\$231.00
	Less Clerk's Fee	17.40
		<u>\$213.60</u>
Junk Yard Fee		\$ 25.00
Filing Fee		10.00
Auto Permits		9,129.96
Clerks Auto Fee		349.00
TOTAL		<u>\$9,727.56</u>

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY H. DAVIS

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1976**

— DR. —

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$197,435.83	
Resident Taxes	2,920.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	
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Total Warrants		\$200,370.83

Yield Taxes 2,603.71

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	110.00	
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		110.00

Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes 10.95

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes 6.00

TOTAL DEBITS \$203,101.49

— CR. —

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	165,643.77	
Resident Taxes	2,480.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	15.00	
Yield Taxes	1,805.01	
Interest Collected	10.95	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	6.00	
		\$169,960.73

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	479.18	
Resident Taxes	70.00	
Yield Taxes		549.18

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1976:

Property Taxes	31,312.88	
Resident Taxes	480.00	
Yield Taxes	798.70	
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		32,591.58

TOTAL CREDITS 203,101.49

LEVY OF 1975

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes - as of Jan. 1, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 25,428.39	
Resident Taxes	640.00	
		\$ 26,068.39
Yield Taxes		143.14

\$ 26,211.53

Added Taxes:		
Resident Taxes	10.00	
		10.00
Overpayments:		
a/c Property Taxes	189.52	
Interest Collected on Delinquent		
Property Taxes	554.65	
Yield	12.87	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	46.00	
TOTAL DEBITS		27,024.57

— CR. —

**Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended Dec. 31, 1976:**

Property Taxes	23,291.87	
Resident Taxes	460.00	
Yield Taxes	143.14	
Overpayments & Int. During Year	757.04	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	46.00	
		24,698.05

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	2,338.67	
Resident Taxes	130.00	
Yield Taxes		2,468.67

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1976:

Trailer Taxes	24.50	
Resident Taxes	50.00	
		74.40

TOTAL CREDITS 27,241.12

LEVY OF 1974

— DR. —

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:

Yield Taxes	\$ 105.09	
Resident Taxes	30.00	
		\$ 135.09

TOTAL DEBITS \$ 135.09

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1976:

Yield Taxes	105.09	
Resident Taxes	30.00	
		\$ 135.09

TOTAL CREDITS \$ 135.09

**UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
DECEMBER 31, 1976**

LEVY OF 1975

Braley, Donald & Bertha	\$ 82.28
Phillips, Charles & Bertha	340.88
Dimond, Douglas	241.10
CE-NY Corp.	305.31
Dufrense, Robert	33.44
Hawkes, Walter & Jean	135.22
Thomas, Joseph & Eleanor	144.40
Trimmer, Anthony	33.44
Talmage, Lt. Col. Henry	254.83
Dow, James & Irene	95.00
Land Auction Bureau	436.75
	<hr/> \$2,102.65

LEVY OF 1974

Winter, Boyce & Joyce	\$437.53
Braley, Donald & Bertha	85.35
Land Auction Bureau	312.79
	<hr/> \$835.67

I hereby certify that the above list, showing the name and amount due from delinquent taxpayers, as of December 31, 1976 on account of the tax levy of 1974, 1975 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DOROTHY A. DADMUN
Tax Collector

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance - January 1, 1976		\$ 50,066.34
Received from Tax Collector		197,757.09
Received from Town Clerk		
Auto Permits	\$ 9,484.06	
Dog Taxes	213.60	
Junkyard Permit	25.00	
Filing Fees	10.00	9,732.66
Received from Selectmen:		
Pistol Permits	44.00	
Dynamite Permits	6.00	
Firearm Permits	5.00	
Property Tax Sale	91.96	
Fire Dept. Refund	24.90	
Food Order Refund	50.00	
Planning Board Map Refund	26.50	
Augusta Tank & Culvert Refund	46.00	
Tax Sale Refund	1.06	295.42
Received from State of N.H.:		
Duncan Fund	17,471.32	
Highway Subsidy	13,478.74	
Final Payment Fed. Flood ('73)	26,677.18	
Interest & Divident Tax	1,410.91	
Rooms & Meals Tax	3,296.57	
Gas Tax Refund	347.94	
Bank Tax	846.32	
Business Profit Tax	440.04	
Refund Welfare OAA	9.29	
Fire Bill 1/2 of Refund	26.82	64,005.13
Received from Trustee of Trust Funds:		
Capital Reserve Fund - Special Acct. for		
Purchase of Highway Equip. - Part Payment		
for John Deere Grader Purchased 5/76	\$ 6,000.00	
Care of Cemetaryies	1,076.54	
Mascoma Area Health Council	854.00	
Highway Equipment Savings Account:		
For Purchase of John Deere Grader 5/76	9,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Savings Account:		4,380.75
Timber Tax Bonds - Savings Account		1,124.00
National Bank of Lebanon:		
Tax Anticipation Note		75,000.00

National Bank of Lebanon:	
Certificate of Deposits - Plus Interest	45,696.97
National Bank Tax:	17.00
Town Treasurer:	
Redeposit - Myers Insufficient Fund Check	60.65
Redeposit - Gould's Insufficient Fund Check	20.00
TOTAL	\$465,086.55
Deduct - Desautell Insufficient Fund Check	111.84
GRAND TOTAL	464,974.71
Selectmen's Orders Paid	403,377.74
Balance - December 31, 1976	61,596.97

Respectfully submitted,

JUNE L. BASSETT
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Jessie Wilson, Auditor	\$ 100.03
William Kennedy, Auditor	100.03
Clinton Williams, Selectman (6 mo.)	211.84
Robert Bryant, Selectman	376.60
Alden Dadmun, Selectman	329.62
Dorothy Davis, Town Clerk	258.91
June Bassett, Treasurer	329.52
Dorothy Dadmun, Tax Collector	423.67
Dorothy Dadmun, Selectman's Clerk	282.25
William Kennedy, Cemetery Agent	94.15
	\$2,506.62

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

Brown & Saltmarsh - Forms, account books, etc.	\$ 298.39
Valley News - Revenue Sharing Ads	42.94
Postmaster - Stamps & Stamped Envelopes	388.85
Dorothy Dadmun, Tax Collector - Deeds, Fees, Tax Meetings, Mileage, Convention	146.70
Waldo Webster, Printing	14.25
Country Press - Town Reports	1,124.00
Country Print Shop - Printing Tax Bills	42.05
Sir Speedy - Printing	28.15
Jessie Wilson - Auditing Exp.	11.87
William Kennedy - Auditing Exp.	12.38
Gerald Stiles - Supplies	8.00
Edward Streeter - Notary	4.00
Betty Stiles - Supplies, etc.	23.11
Treasurer, State of N.H. - Cards	27.75
Charles Woods - Mtg. Searches, Reg. Deeds, etc.	187.19
Greydon Freeman	21.50
Barbara Fortier - Reg. of Deeds	.60
Dues Tax Collectors Association	10.00
Dues Assessors Association	10.00
Alden Dadmun - Printed Material, Mileage and Office Supplies	41.90
Branham Publishing Co.	11.10
Robert Bryant - Office Supplies	9.10
June Bassett - Repair Adding Machine & Tel.	36.57
N.H. Municipal Assoc. - Selectmen's Books	20.00
Dulac Hardware - Lock for office, etc.	12.80

Dorothy Davis - Expenses	52.21
National Bank of Lebanon - Ck. Book Chg.	10.59
Wheeler & Clark - Forms	16.73
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	\$2,612.69

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Country Printing - Registration Cards	\$ 25.00
Enterprise Press - Ballots	20.53
Valley News - Ads	13.23
Mascoma Week - Ads	6.00
Connecticut Valley Publishers	68.11
Thomas Gleason - Moderator	120.00
Judith Gleason - Ballot Clerk	80.00
Betty Stiles - Ballot Clerk	80.00
Louise Gallup - Ballot Clerk	80.00
Frank Dean - Ballot Clerk	80.00
Marion Nagle - Supervisor	79.50
Mary L. Gove - Supervisor	119.60
Joseph Connelly - Supervisor	163.90
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	\$935.87

TOWN HALL AND OTHER

Lakeside Oil	\$ 673.68
Public Service Co. of N.H.	320.32
Karl Stiles - Snow Clearing	20.00
Betty Stiles - Care of Town Hall	15.00
James Seamans - Electric Work	396.91
Grafton Vol. Fire Dept. - Extinguisher	56.80
William Kennedy - Ground Care	75.00
John Dadmun Sr. - Labor	18.00
John Dadmun, Jr. - Snow Clearing	5.00
Donald Fowler - Pump Repair	34.75
R.P. Johnson - Material	25.05
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	\$1,640.51

INTEREST ON LOANS

National Bank of Lebanon	\$2,411.15
Interest Paid on Abatements	107.47
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	\$2,518.62

EQUIPMENT FUND

Fund	\$9,666.00
Grader - Murphy Equip. Inc.	9,000.00
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	\$ 666.00

RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY

N.H. Dept. of Health and Welfare	\$2,874.68
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ABATEMENT, REFUNDS & OVERPAYMENTS

Refunds	\$ 83.89
Overpayments	189.52
Abatements	<u>10,526.01</u>
	\$10,779.42

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

N.H. Dept. of Health and Welfare	\$913.93
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AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

N.H. Dept. of Health and Welfare	\$372.81
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STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H.	\$1,200.08
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TOWN ROAD AID

Appropriation	\$1,155.07
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TOWN POOR

Lakeside Oil - Case #1	\$ 303.07
George Loupis - Case #2	75.00
Public Service - Case #3	69.44
Davis Oil - Case #3	85.20
Mascoma Savings Bank - Food Stamps (Cases 1-4-6-7)	363.50
First National Store - Cases #1-2-5	284.82
Lebanon P.C. - Case #4 (1975)	120.00
Georges A.G. - Case #6	<u>180.77</u>
	\$1,481.82

MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion - Flags	\$ 56.81
Bicentennial Committee	43.19
Eureka Grange for Old Home Day	<u>50.00</u>
	\$150.00

RECREATION

Recreation Committee	\$300.00
Huff Beach	<u>50.00</u>
	\$350.00

CEMETERIES

William Kennedy - Labor and Material	\$1,507.95
From Trustees put in bank for '77 use	<u>532.25</u>
	\$2,040.20

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

Decato and Cirone	35.00
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REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council	\$340.00
N.H. Municipal Association	<u>400.00</u>
	\$740.00

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

\$4,132.04

TEMPORARY LOANS

National Bank of Lebanon	\$102,352.01
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CAPITAL RESERVE

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$1,000.00
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TRUSTEES EXPENSES

Trustees of Trust Fund	\$300.00
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TAX MAPS

Planning Maps Inc. (1st Installment)	\$4,380.75
National Bank of Lebanon (Tax Map Fund)	8,000.00
National Bank of Lebanon (Dump Fund)	1,000.00

OILING AND PATCHING

Black Top Inc.	\$ 418.05
N.H. Bituminous	<u>932.66</u>
	\$1,350.71

CULVERTS

Agusta Tank & Culvert Co.	\$1,462.72
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PLANNING BOARD

Valley News Ads	27.83
Roger Burt - Printing Maps	103.00
Margo Moran - Postage	<u>22.65</u>
	\$153.48

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mascoma Valley School District	\$99,969.34
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FEDERAL WITHHOLDING

National Bank of Lebanon - 1975 Withholding	\$3,089.75
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STATE AND COUNTY

State Treasurer - Bond and Debt Tax	\$ 297.46
State Treasurer - OOA Adm. Cost	5.48
County Tax	\$15,181.54
State Treasurer - Boat Reports	3.45
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	\$15,487.93

POLICE

Wright Communications	\$ 29.00
C. Lawrence Gove - Use of car, mileage, expenses	1,067.55
Salary	282.45
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	\$1,379.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING FOREST FIRE

Grafton Vol. Fire Dept. Appropriation	\$1,200.00
C. Lawrence Gove - Forest Fire Warden	83.64
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	\$1,283.64

INSURANCE

Lapans Insurance	\$ 28.65
Reginald Barney - Auto, Workmen's Comp., Liability	4,511.55
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	\$4,540.20

HEALTH

Mascoma Health Council	\$854.00
C. Lawrence Gove	20.00
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	\$874.00

TOWN DUMP

C. Lawrence Gove	\$500.00
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VITAL STATISTICS

Dorothy Davis	\$14.00
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LIBRARY APPROPRIATION

\$750.00

WINTER ROADS

B.B. Chain - Parts	\$ 209.95
Car-Go - Tires	663.06
Ken-Don Enterprises - Parts	214.08
Kibby Equipment - Parts	94.54
Grafton Garage - Gas & Supplies	97.20
Gordins Store - Supplies	14.42
Pambro Sales - Parts	813.61
Whiehall Chemical Co. - Supplies	712.25
Wilfred Bocash - Kerosene	12.75
Texaco - Gas	1,053.09
Noble Belisle - Parts	261.84
Anthony Usanis - Gravel	1,459.20
John Bassett	1,145.26
Douglas Dimond	634.13
David Bocash	564.58
	<hr/> \$7,949.96
Social Security	\$170.30
Federal Withholding	397.40
	<hr/> \$567.70

SUMMER ROADS

John Bassett	\$ 850.63
Douglas Dimond	523.50
David Bocash	547.28
Paul Rivers	87.65
Myrl Phelps - Back Hoe	487.50
Walton Smith - Gravel	141.00
Northeast Culvert	3,000.00
	<hr/> \$5,637.56
Social Security	\$151.61
Federal Withholding	326.90
	<hr/> \$478.51

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY

Webster Motors	\$ 484.01
Kibby Equipment	656.57
Gordon's Store	19.92
Hathorns	1,300.43

Grafton Garage	179.92
Noble Belisle	84.48
C.R. McCloud	154.60
N.H. Explosive Corp.	1.75
Pambro Sales	410.11
R. C. Hazelton	1,496.10
Davis Oil	405.00
Dr. Dinerman	8.00
R. P. Johnson	88.60
Oxygen Welding Supply	64.08
Bartlett Auto	16.87
W. C. Eaton	348.08
Murphy Equipment	429.24
Sanels	196.30
Wilson Tire	24.90
Bailey Brothers	17.52
William Emmons	41.00
Kelton Motors	905.15
Gulf Oil	134.20
Ross Express	6.85
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	\$7,473.68

HIGHWAY SUBSIDY

McDow Salvage	\$ 65.00
R. DeCato - Supplies	124.00
Northeast Culvert	1,666.62
Car-Go	1,397.64
Sanels	539.78
Albert Belloir - Dozer Hire	120.00
Andover Fire Dept.	500.00
Albert Belloir	25.00
Myrl Phelps	795.00
John Bassett	4,322.49
Douglas Dimond	2,433.38
David Bocash	2,722.44
Paul Rivers	546.16
Kevin Stiles	89.65
David Bruyere	83.74
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	\$15,430.90
Social Security	\$ 717.78
Withholding Tax	1,558.60

DUNCAN FUND

Northeast Culvert Co.	\$ 1,712.12
Texaco - Gas	2,602.15
R. P. Johnson - Cement	259.40
Leslie Seamans - Cement Mixer Hire	112.50
John Bassett - Dozer Hire	48.00
Anthony Usanis - Gravel	566.70
Charles Trumpetto - Gravel	165.50
John Jurta - Equipment Hire	748.80
John Bassett	1,453.25
Douglas Dimond	771.39
David Bocash	837.69
Paul Rivers	848.10
David Bruyere	647.32
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	\$10,773.28

CUTTING BRUSH

Kevin Stiles	\$ 785.86
David Bruyere	608.50
Paul Rivers	183.44
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	\$1,577.80
Federal Withholding	215.40
Social Security	106.76
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	\$322.16

ROAD AGENTS REPORT

This past year two old wooden bridges were replaced with Duncan Fund monies — also a large culvert on Dean Hill, and one in the Wild Meadows.

No T.R.A. was used in 1976.

Brush was cut and removed from many corners, which had become very blind.

The town did a large amount of work on the Prescott Hill Road. This road will also require a lot of work in the future.

JOHN F. BASSETT
Road Agent

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Revenue Sharing, Fire Department Accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched to the best of our knowledge.

WILLIAM KENNEDY
SHERRY ANN COOK

Auditors

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT Fiscal Year Ending — December 31, 1976

REVENUE SHARING FUND Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances and Fund Balance

Available Funds - January 1, 1976		\$ 2,000.36
Additional Revenue	\$ 10,081.39	
Interest	272.53	12,353.92
Total Funds Available		12,354.28
Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations authorized December 31, 1976 towards 1st payment on Tax Map		4,380.75
Available Unobligated Funds — December 31, 1976		7,973.53

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Grafton, N.H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1976. In our opinion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds, presents fairly the revenue expenditures and encumbrances incurred and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Grafton, N.H. for the year ended Dec. 31, 1976.

WILLIAM KENNEDY
SHERRY ANN COOK

Auditors

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Balance January 1, 1976	\$ 2,000.36
Deposit January 15, 1976	1,803.00
Deposit April 12, 1976	1,803.00
Deposit July 12, 1976	1,804.00
Deposit October 4, 1976	2,291.00
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Balance October 4, 1976	9,701.36
Withdrawal October 25, 1976	4,380.75
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Balance	5,320.61
Deposit December 31, 1976	2,380.39
Balance	7,701.00
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Interest Earned for 1976	272.53
Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 7,973.53

Respectfully submitted,

JUNE L. BASSETT
Treasurer

CEMETERY FUND

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Received from Trustee of Trust Funds —	
Deposited October 12, 1976	\$ 532.25
Received from Trustee of Trust Funds —	
Deposited December 30, 1976	496.44
Interest Earned in 1976	3.64
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Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 1,032.33

Respectfully Submitted,

JUNE L. BASSETT
Treasurer

TAX MAPPING AND DUMP FUND

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Appropriations from 1976 Town Meeting:

Tax Mapping - Deposited Dec. 23, 1976	\$ 8,000.00
Withdrawal - Dec. 31, 1976 to replace funds drawn from Revenue Sharing for Payment on Tax Mapping	2,380.39
Balance	5,619.61
Dump Fund - Deposited Dec. 23, 1976	1,000.00
Balance - December 31, 1976	\$ 6,619.61

Respectfully submitted,

JUNE L. BASSETT
Treasurer

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Savings Account: National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Town Equipment Earnings from 1975 - Not deposited till 1976

Ruggles Mine — Hire of Grader	\$ 77.30
Land Vest Inc., Cherry Hill Rd. - Hire of Equip.	1,068.45
Myrl Phelps & Sons - Hire of Road Sweeper	10.00
Paul Gove - One Load Gravel	8.00
State of N.H. - T.R.A. - Hire of Town Truck	593.85
Federal Flood Disaster - Town Equip. Hire	7,286.44
BALANCE	9,044.04

Town Equipment Earnings in 1976:

Paul A. Gove - Gravel	15.00
Myrl Phelps & Sons - Sale of Old Culvert	37.50
Fred Clemens - Gravel	7.50
Evelyn Cole - Loam	21.50
Mr. Vaccaro - Gravel	16.00
Mr. Quigg - Donation	50.00
Paul Cooper - Gravel	80.00
Mr. McAllister - Clay	25.00
Mr. Vaccaro - Gravel	24.00
Mr. Boute - Gravel	16.00
Myrl Phelps & Sons - Sale of Old Culvert	20.00
Mr. Vaccaro - Gravel	16.00
Mr. Humberstone - Gravel	16.00
Myrl Phelps & Sons - Sale of Old Culvert	20.00

Mr. Quigg - Donation	50.00
Joseph Gill - Gravel	16.00
Edward Doten - Gravel	54.00
John Patterson - Sand	5.00
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	9,533.54
Interest Earned in 1976	132.46
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	9,666.00
Withdrawal, for Parial Payment for John Deere Grader Purchased in May of 1976	9,000.00
BALANCE - Dec. 31, 1976	\$ 666.00

Respectfully submitted,

JUNE L. BASSETT
Treasurer

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

TIMBER TAX BONDS

Savings Account — National Bank of Lebanon, N.H.

Balance - January 1, 1976	\$1,207.22
Received from F.C. Hammond & Son - Deposited 1/15/76	139.00
Balance	1,346.22
3/12/76 - Withdrawal Paid to Tax Collector for Newman Lumber Yield Taxes	130.00
Balance	\$1,216.22
Received from Robert E. Downing	300.00
Received from Robert E. Downing	45.00
Received from Ruth Estey	75.00
Received from F. C. Hammond & Son	115.00
Received from Roberts Lumber Co.	330.00
Interest Earned in 1976	75.75
Balance	\$2,156.97
12/30/76 - Withdrawal Paid to tax collector for Tri-State Timberland Yield Taxes (1975 account)	700.00
12/30/76 - Withdrawal Paid to tax collector for F.C. Hammond & Son - Yield Taxes (1975 Account)	130.58
Refund to F. C. Hammond & Son	8.42
12/30/76 - Withdrawal Paid to Tax Collector for F. C. Hammond & Son - Yield Taxes (1976 Account)	130.00

12/30/76 - Withdrawal Paid to Tax Collector for Davis & Symonds - Yield Taxes (1975 Account)	117.03
Refund to Davis & Symonds	12.97
12/30/76 - Withdrawal Paid to Tax Collector for Robert Downing - Yield Taxes (1975 Account)	24.00
Refund to Robert E. Downing	<u>1.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 1976	\$1,032.97

JUNE L. BASSETT
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 1976

During 1976 the trustees continued programs to support the town ambulance and to reimburse qualifying residents toward medical expenses. Both programs will be maintained in 1977. Other specified trust fund responsibilities were fulfilled and additional funds were reinvested in bank certificates of deposit paying maximum rates of interest.

\$1,650 of income from the Kilton Doctor's Fund was paid toward equipment and operating costs of the Grafton ambulance, in which well-trained volunteers provide 24-hour medical emergency and transportation services that are otherwise unavailable to residents of the town. \$1,053 of income from the same fund was paid to 106 persons, resident in Grafton at least two years, who presented receipted bills for physical, dental or eye examinations.

\$854 was paid from the Kilton Doctor's Fund income to reimburse the town the cost of supporting the Mascoma Area Health Council. At a per capita cost of under \$1.90 the Council makes available well-child clinic, visiting nurse, physical therapist and home health aide services certified by the New Hampshire and United States governments, as well as representing the town's interest in obtaining other health benefits.

The trustees turned over interest from prescribed trust funds to the town for cemetery care and library support. Money from the capital reserve fund, administered by the trustees, was transferred to the town for its new road grader.

ADOLPH SUCHY - 1977
EMILY B. CONNELLY - 1978
DALE P. BRYANT - 1979

SUMMARY REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR 1976

Name of Fund	PRINCIPAL			Balance 12/31/76	INCOME			
	Balance 1/1/76	Received 1976	Expended 1976		Balance 1/1/76	Received 1976	Expended 1976	Balance 12/31/76
Volana Kilton Doctor Fund	\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00	\$57,108.91	\$4,656.27	\$3,557.00	\$58,208.18
Cemetery Funds	19,722.02	75.00		19,797.02	10,007.25	1,913.05	1,496.85	10,423.45
Barney Flanders Library Fund	2,141.10			2,141.10		147.06	103.93	43.13
Mariah E. Martin East Grafton Church Fund	563.65			563.65	45.40	28.52		73.92
Capital Reserve Fund	7,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	1,219.18	255.71		1,474.18

The above format complies with the "Outline for Printed Town Reports" issued by the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration, which reads: "SUMMARY REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS (REFER TO RSA 31:33 AS AMENDED BY 1976 LEGISLATURE, REGARDING CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS)" RSA 31:33 Amendment reads: "The trustees and auditor shall not print in such report the reports of trusts created for the care of cemeteries and burial lots, except that in the year in which the town accepts gifts, legacies and devises for such purposes, the trustees and auditor shall print the names of the donors and the value of such gifts, legacies and devises at the time of donation."

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS **FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	—	DR.	—	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:		Prev. Yrs.
	1975			1974	1973	
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of Jan. 1, 1976				\$1,607.42	\$ 222.37	\$ 67.31
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	3,948.76					
Interest Collected After Sale	47.05			30.16	37.38	19.05
Redemption Costs	250.50			86.65	27.70	5.00
TOTAL DEBITS	4,246.31			1,724.43	287.45	91.36
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Remittances to Treasurer During Year:						
Redemptions	\$1,846.11					
Interest & Costs After Sale	120.55			\$ 771.75	\$170.09	\$ 67.31
Abatements During Year	176.40			116.80	65.08	24.05
Decided to Town During Year					52.28	
Unredeemed Taxes - Dec. 31, 1976	2,102.65			835.67		
TOTAL CREDITS	4,245.71			1,724.43	287.45	91.36

(a) "Balance of Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1976:"

Should include balances of Unredeemed Taxes, as of beginning of fiscal year - January 1, 1976 from Tax Sales of Previous Years.

(b) **"Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year:"**

Tax Sales held during fiscal year ending December 31, 1976, should include total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale.

NOTE: TOTAL DEBITS and TOTAL CREDITS should agree.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen see 1976 as a year of ups and downs, some changes, some problems, some progress, some hope for the future. At the end of 1976, our view is that things have leveled off in pretty fair shape and 1977 looks like it might be a reasonable year.

Although it was a year of financial problems and changes, it probably wasn't much worse than many others before it. Among other activities, the selectmen re-assessed the whole town for property tax purposes, a subject we are all a little tired of hearing about. Even though the result was painful for most of us, the tax situation is now on a sounder basis and it is hoped that next year's tax change, if any, will be minimal. Many aspects of the tax picture are, of course, outside the control of the town.

During the year we took another step along the road leading to a tax map with its supporting data required by 1980. The firm, Planning Maps, Inc., was contracted to do this work which will take three years to complete. Since it is in the best interests of the town, it is assumed that all Grafton property owners will cooperate completely with this firm in its endeavors. With the approval of the current warrant article on this subject, all necessary funds will be available and allocated so that this particular financial burden will be out of the way. The Tax Map File, and the data and records that go with it, should be a most useful tool for the town for many years to come.

Much of the preliminary investigation work for the tax map project was done by the Planning Board, including meetings with various firms and obtaining the necessary bids. Unfortunately, the Planning Board was somewhat hindered in its other efforts by a loss of members. It is now again at full strength, and it is hoped the coming year will see much profitable planning effort, as well as activity bolstering the goals of the town ordinances currently in effect.

A brief statement about the town dump may be of interest. Use of the present dump and the open burning has been extended to July 1, 1977. What the future holds after that date cannot now be predicted. Further extension may be requested. Many discussions have been held with neighboring towns and trash disposal firms with no satisfactory conclusion within the means of the town budget. Establishment of a landfill appears to be a practical solution possible if the right land area can be obtained. At this stage this whole air pollution problem is up in the air.

One of the highlights of this past centennial year was the discovery of a portion of ledge rock chiseled with the date, July 4, 1876 and the name of the Blackman family. The discovery was made by our Road Agent when he uncovered the ledge during work on Slab City Road. It is hoped that a way may be found to preserve this part of the ledge which measures about three by six feet.

One of the changes during the year concerned the Board of Selectmen itself. Due to personal reasons, Wayne Knight resigned from the Board in April, 1976. Alden Dadmun consented to serve by appointment for the remainder of the term. Clint Williams became inactive in September, and was forced to resign in October due to ill health.

While the work of the Board of Selectmen was slowed by having only two members during the latter half of the year, the fact that most tasks did get done, and on time, was due in large measure to the dedicated work of Dorothy Dadmun who acted as Selectmen's Clerk in addition to her other duties for the town. The Selectmen express their sincere thanks to all the town officers and others who contributed so much time and effort to the town, and who worked so well with each other.

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
STATE	746	294
DISTRICT	44	24
TOWN	0	0
GERALD S. GROSS		C. LAWRENCE GOVE
District Fire Chief		Forest Fire Warden

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department would like to report that during the year, there were 2 house fires, 2 chimney fires, 1 barn fire and 1 grass fire.

I would like to thank all the firefighters that participated this past year at our practices.

A training session was held in March with members of the Hanover Fire Department instructing us in the use of our Scott Air Packs and proper ventilation of a burning building.

Fire extinguishers were sold at the Old Home Day Sale and in November, with the help of the Firemen's Auxiliary, a very successful Hunter's Supper was held.

We would also like to thank the Auxiliary for the monies donated toward the purchase of a fire-band radio that is one of the requirements of the Upper Valley Mutual Aid Association that we joined this past year.

Money is also being set aside each month into a separate truck fund for the future purchase of a new truck.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL C. GOVE
Chief

GRAFTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT — 1976

Balance of Lebanon Checking Account —	
January 1, 1976	\$ 1,147.08
Receipts for 1976:	
Town of Grafton	1,200.00
Ticket Sales and Donations	2,258.50
TOTAL	3,458.50

Expenditures for 1976:

Two CB Radios	152.22
Public Service Co. of N.H.	121.75
Fuel Oil	452.42
Two Scott Air Packs	944.83
Two Scott Air Tanks	239.00
Maintenance & Supplies	1,293.71
TOTAL	3,203.93
Balance Lebanon Account	1,147.08
Receipts Lebanon Account	3,458.50
TOTAL	4,605.58
Less Expenditures	3,203.93
Balance Lebanon Account	1,401.65
Funds for New Fire Truck:	
Lebanon Savings Account	600.00
Interest	3.62
Balance Lebanon Savings Account	603.62
Balance Lebanon Checking Account	801.65

JAMES S. SEAMANS
Treasurer

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Volunteer Ambulance Service has had a very busy year. The group has responded to thirty-seven (37) runs which required emergency care.

Also, the group has just increased it's number of members to fifteen. They have volunteered their time to meet the required courses, plus more, to run a Volunteer Ambulance Service in the state of New Hampshire.

The group wishes you a safe and happy year.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL ALAN GOVE
Captain,
Grafton Volunteer Service

POLICE REPORT

The following is a list of Police Department work that was done this past year.

Breaking and Entering	11
Some were accounted for	
Auto Accidents	16
Most of them involved single cars	
Out of town assistance	2
Complaints	12
Lost articles found and returned	2
Missing persons reported and found	2
Lost persons picked up and returned to their car	2

Vandalism to windows, cars, mail boxes, etc. were many. Some of these were taken care of by the one's found to have done the damage.

Patrolling of roads and checking of houses, with many hours and miles put in.

The usual complaints of stray dogs and mini-bikes. Not so many on snowmobiles this year.

One stolen car was abandoned in town, and one car was stolen in town and located in another town.

Respectfully submitted,

C. LAWRENCE GOVE
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES TOWN HALL AND HUFF BEACH

During the period of this report, I supervised several burials, with the help and assistance of Arthur Dimond and various funeral directors.

People should be aware of the low cost of cemetery lots, and I would be glad to discuss this with any persons who may be interested.

I wish to express my thanks to H. Atwater for his help in raising head stones, to W. Webster for painting the lettering on the Town Hall sign, and to I. Kennedy for her many hours of help.

EXPENSES:

Cemeteries:

Kendall Stiles - mowing	\$ 130.00	
John Ollis - mowing	109.75	
William Kennedy - mowing and other	900.00	
Raising head stones, spreading loam repairing and painting fences and gates.	260.25	
5 gallons paint, 6 rollers	32.95	
		\$ 1,432.95

Town Hall:

W. Kennedy - mowing, removing leaves, fallen tree, restoring Town Hall sign.	100.00	
		100.00

Huff Beach:

Mike Gleason - raking, mowing, removing garbage	100.00	
		100.00
TOTAL		\$1,632.95

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM KENNEDY
Superintendent

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Book Sale that has been held at the home of Ruth Leonard closed in the Fall when Mrs. Leonard sold her home and moved to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Leonard has contributed many hours of her time to this project and a large sum of money has been given to the Library.

The Trustee's are now establishing a Trust Fund with a portion of the money that has come from the Book Sales and will be called the "Ruth S. Leonard Library Trust Fund." The interest from this Trust Fund will be used for the purchase of new books for the Library.

MARY L. GOVE
MARION NAGLE
BARBETTE ROLLINS

Trustees of the Grafton Library

GRAFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 1976 — Receipts and Expenditures

— RECEIPTS —

Jan. 1, 1976 - Cash balance on hand	\$ 506.78
1st National Bank, White River Jct., Vt.	108.75
Barney Flanders Trust Fund	353.93
National Bank of Lebanon - Interest	37.27
Money from Town of Grafton	750.00
Mascoma Savings Bank	6.00
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	\$1,762.73
Less Expenditures	<u>1,470.62</u>
Dec. 31, 76 - Cash Balance on hand	\$ 292.11

Mascoma Savings Bank:

Dec. 31, 1975	Balance on hand	\$3,064.87
1976	Deposits	525.00
1976	Interest	173.36
	Total	<hr/> \$3,763.23
1976	Withdrawal	6.00
Dec. 31, 1976	Balance on hand	<hr/> \$3,757.23

— EXPENDITURES —

Ruth Harding, Librarian	\$ 254.22
Deborah Hazelton, Librarian	52.25
Mary L. Gove, Librarian	32.76
Lakeside Oil Co.	283.64
Public Service Co. of N.H.	54.78
N.H. Dept. of Health & Welfare	39.35
Books	560.59
Books - Mary Gove	7.45
Magazines	61.02
Ruth Harding - Library Supplies	2.19
Mary Gove - Library Supplies	9.73
Ruth Harding - Postage	.52
Marion Nagle - Postage & Mileage	14.50
Stanley Phillips - Janitor	50.00
Donald Fowler - Paint & Labor	13.25
American Legion Post #97 - American Flag	6.00
Volunteer Fire Dept. - Fire Extinguisher	28.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<hr/> \$1,470.62

Respectfully submitted,

MARION G. NAGLE
Treasurer

BICENTENNIAL REPORT

Theme — Past, Present and Future

Our Bicentennial Committee was headed by Ruth Leonard and was made successful by the people of Grafton. Through several meetings the committee scheduled four programs through the summer.

The first program was our Bicentennial Tea, where our scrolls were signed, the Bicentennial Flag presented, old items displayed, and our scrolls sent off by horse and rider. The second program was an evening of stories which was highlighted by the Cardigan Mt. Boy's Choir. Our third program was on July 3rd — a square dance was held at the Center Common which turned out to be another successful evening. Our last event was an afternoon of music from wars dating from 1776 to 1945.

Other events connected with our 200th anniversary were the selling of flags by the American Legion, ringing the Grafton Center and East Grafton church bells 200 times at noon on July 4th, and the presentation of a plaque on Old Home Day in appreciation of Ruth's Bicentennial Committee leadership. There was also a sugaring-off party and the deliverance of our scrolls to the wagon train at Henniker.

It was a summer that we will long remember. It was one which helped us to remember our PAST heritage — it reminds us of our successful PRESENT — and it helps us to keep in mind America's FUTURE.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. WILSON
Vice-Chairman

1976 — MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL TOWN REPORTS OF ENFIELD, CANAAN, GRAFTON DORCHESTER AND ORANGE

The Mascoma Area Health Council, established at the Town Meetings in 1969, will this year start its eighth year of service to Towns of Canaan, Enfield, Grafton and Orange and its second year to Dorchester. Serving a population of approximately 5500 the Council's two nurses provide nursing service in the home and a complete health promotion and disease prevention program. The Council receives referrals from hospitals, local physicians, relatives, concerned neighbors or the patient. The Nurses home visits now average about 210 per month. A Physical Therapist, Elaine Mackin of Enfield, is on contract with the Council and available when needed as are the Home Health Aides.

The free Well Child Clinic, held every month, has an enrollment of approximately 250 pre-school children. These children are eligible to participate in the bi-annual Dental Clinic sponsored by the N.H. State Department of Dental Health. These clinics are now held in Enfield Town Hall, "Whitney Hall", where the Mascoma Area Health Council office is located — telephone 632-7234.

From time to time the Council cooperates with other agencies and the N.H. Department of Health to provide Adult Health Screening clinics and a Womens' Clinic sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Council support comes from the five towns served on a per capita basis, plus fees collected from Medicare, Medicaid, Third Party Payers and private paying patients. Of necessity we must set a fee for skilled nursing service rendered other than the free clinics. However the services of the Council are available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

The Council is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected from the five towns. Its Medical Policies and Practices are supervised by a Medical Advisory Board consisting of area physicians and nurses.

Susan Schleich, R.N. of West Canaan is Nurse-Director of the Council. Betsy Larison, R.N. of West Lebanon is a full time nurse and our office and administrative duties are assisted by Sharron A. Wheeler of Enfield.

GRAFTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

At the 1976 Grafton Town Meeting, the Grafton Recreation Committee was formed and given the amount of \$300.00 to get the program started.

One of the first goals of the committee was to see if a lot of land could be found in Grafton to be used as a recreation field. As of this report this has not yet been achieved, but is still being worked on.

Our first attempt at an organized field day was held on Old Home Day this past summer, and turned out to be a complete success and a lot of fun for both children and adults.

It is hoped that a skating party will be held this winter and perhaps a swim meet this summer at Huff Beach.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE WILSON
GUI DESSERT
TOM GLEASON

Grafton Recreation Committee

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST REPORT

1976 was a busy year for the Supervisors of the Checklist with the Presidential Primary in February, Town Meeting in March, Primary Election in September, and the Biennial Election in November. We were very pleased that more people took the time to vote this year compared to other years.

Total registered voters in Grafton as of November 2, 1976 was 353.

The new card file system adopted by the State is about three quarters completed and we hope to finish this year.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GOVE
JOSEPH CONNELLY
MARION NAGLE

Supervisors of Checklist

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Because of a delay in having new members of the Planning Board appointed, we were not able to accomplish as much as we had hoped, including having two open meetings. We were able, however, to start work on an official Master Plan as required by N.H.R.S.A. and will continue on that next year. It is also our hope to arrive at some plan to help further the aims of the rules and regulations Grafton presently has, a concern expressed by many townspeople at our open meetings. Finally, we will continue to solicit ideas at scheduled open meetings.

MARGO T. MORAN
Chairman
CHRISTOPHER ROLLINS
Secretary / Treasurer
JOHN F. BASSETT
WAYNE H. KNIGHT

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name & Birthplace of Father	Maiden Name & Birthplace of Mother	Residence of Mother
Jan. 3, 1976	Lebanon	Joshua C. Rollins	M	Christopher E. Rollins	Barbette J. Beane	Grafton
Jan. 21, 1976	Lebanon	Melissa M. Dessert	F	Gui Dessert	Martha A. French	Grafton
Mar. 9, 1976	Lebanon	Alexander B. Knee	M	Bruce R. Knee	Barbara L. Donley	Grafton
Mar. 20, 1976	Lebanon	Emily Jo Thoresen	F	Jens A. Thoresen	Janet G. Clark	Grafton
Aug. 31, 1976	Lebanon	Travis E. Cook	M	Bruce A. Cook	Sherry A. Cook	Grafton

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and beliefs.
DOROTHY H. DAVIS, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname	Residence at time of Marriage	Age	Place of Birth	Name and Official Station of Person by whom Married
July 24 1976	Enfield	Walter E. Watson Cheryl R. Gaudette	Grafton, N.H. Lebanon, N.H.	11-24-40 5-25-43	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Rev. Paul Belhumeur Religious
Oct. 2, 1976	Grafton	David E. Bocash Deborah A. Munn	Grafton, N.H. Lebanon, N.H.	7-24-54 2-8 -55	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Edward H. Streeter Civil
Oct. 2, 1976	Grafton	Paul A. Gove Cynthia L. Gallup	Grafton, N.H. Grafton, N.H.	7-12-54 1-10-56	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Rev. Daniel Gravitt Religious
Nov. 7, 1976	Concord	Leland W. Hudson Georgette J. Belt	Concord, N.H. Grafton, N.H.	9-9 -41 12-6 -52	New Hampshire Massachusetts	Norman L. Sparbel Religious

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
DOROTHY H. DAVIS, Town Clerk

DEATHS

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name & Surname	Age	Place of Birth	Single Mar. or Wid.		Sex	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Feb. 21, 1976	Hanover	William Broadhead	90	Canada	M	M	M	Mail Clerk	William Broadhead	Unknown
Apr. 5, 1976	Hanover	Henry Morse	52	N.H.	M	M	M	Janitor	Eddie Morse	Elizabeth Martin
May 27, 1976	Bedford	Josephine A. Cole	87	N.H.	F	W	F	Hair Dresser	Freeman Abbott	Julia Currier
June 25, 1976	Franklin	Ruth P. Price	66	N.H.	F	W	F	Housewife	Charles Waldron	Clara Janvrin
Aug. 2, 1976	Hanover	William W. Harding	52	Maine	M	M	M	Plumber	Wlm. W. Harding	Irene Pooler
Oct. 11, 1976	Keene	Ethel M. Blood	71	N.H.	F	W	F	Housewife	Joseph Goewey	Cora Lawrence
Dec. 29, 1976	Grafton	Clinton S. Williams	68	N.H.	M	M	M	Retired	Alberto H. Williams	Anna Story

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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